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TENNESSEE BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION CASE INTO COVINGTON POLICE OFFICER MISCONDUCT LEADS TO ADDITIONAL ARREST

Memphis, Tenn. – The Tennessee Bureau of Investigation today arrested an additional subject in the case against a suspended Covington police officer who was arrested this past summer. The Tipton County grand jury indicted the police officer's father after the investigation revealed he was a convicted felon in possession of handguns and had been voting illegally for a number of years.

Jack Shelton Hall III (top photo), 41, of Covington, Tenn. was indicted by the Tipton County grand jury yesterday on two counts of criminal responsibility for conduct of a felon in possession of a handgun, official misconduct and misuse of official information after he was bound over to the grand jury on his original charges. TBI arrested Hall III in July after being requested by the 25th Judicial District Attorney General's Office to investigate allegations that while employed as a sergeant with the Covington Police Department he had run a stolen check on a handgun that was in the possession of his father, Jack Hall Jr. Hall Jr. is a convicted felon. While Hall III was on Family Medical Leave Act, he portrayed himself to be on duty when he contacted central dispatch to run the check on the weapon. He also knowingly allowed his father to be in possession of weapons. Hall III benefited by receiving handguns from his father while allowing the violation. Hall III remains out on bond. He is scheduled to appear in court at a later date.



Jack Shelton Hall Jr. (bottom photo), 61, of Covington, Tenn. was indicted on 21 counts of possession of a firearm by a convicted felon and three counts of illegal voting. A search warrant was conducted on Hall Jr.'s residence after Hall III's original arrest which revealed 21 firearms in Hall Jr.'s possession. Further investigation revealed that Hall Jr. had been voting as a convicted felon since 2001 by lying on his voter's application stating he was not a convicted felon. The statute of limitations allows charging of illegal voting for the most recent three times he cast a ballot. Hall Jr. was arrested today and booked into the Tipton County Jail on a \$20,000 bond.



The Tipton County Sheriff's Department was also involved in the investigation.